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NLM's plan for augmenting Go Local to provide emergency preparedness and recovery information is a three-phased approach.

- Phase I – NLM hosted sites, for which NLM maintains the hardware, software vocabulary, and mapping between the Go Local sites and MedlinePlus.
- Phase II – Locally hosted sites, which maintain their own hardware, software and database for hosting, mapping, and displaying the records.
- Phase III - Geographic areas not currently served by Go Local.

Phase I – NLM hosted sites

Identifying Records

Traditional Go Local Records – Already in the System

NLM hosted sites will identify records already in the system that would be helpful in disaster preparedness and recovery and mark these records as Emergency Preparedness and/or Recovery Resources by selecting a checkbox.

Non-Traditional Records – Not Already in the System

Go Local sites can also create 'Emergency Only Records' that will prominently display during an event. Emergency Only Records are out of scope for Go Local under normal circumstances, but would be appropriate for a disaster or emergency. They might contain minimal information – location, phone number, brief statement, etc.

Display Options

For each record, the NLM hosted site will be able to select one or more of the following options:

- Emergency Preparedness display
- Recovery Resource display
- Emergency Only Resources

Phase II – Locally hosted sites

After establishing the system for NLM hosted sites, NLM will be able to provide guidelines to locally hosted sites. Based on lessons learned from Phase I, the sites would be able to identify records as Emergency Preparedness or Recovery Resources and add Emergency Only resources as appropriate.

Phase III – Non-Go Local areas

NLM will use Phase I and II experience to provide information to those areas not covered by Go Local. NLM will work with the Regional Medical Libraries for those areas.

Examples, Phase I (NLM-hosted sites)

Traditional Record, Emergency Preparedness display

The screenshot shows the INHealthConnect website. The header includes the IN logo, the text "INHealthConnect Connecting to Indiana Health Services", a search bar, and navigation links: "< Homepage | About | Site Map | Contact Us". Below the header is a "Local" banner with links for "E-mail to a Friend" and "Printer Friendly". The main content area is titled "Services for Disaster Preparation and Recovery (Change Topic)" and "for Marion County (Change Location)". It features two columns of links under "Resources in Marion County": Advocacy Services (1), Emergency Medical Services (58), Faith Based Programs (1), Food Programs (2), Health Education Programs (5), Hotlines/Crisis Services (2), Libraries (4), Public Health Services (5), Referral Services (3), Search and Rescue (61), Shelters (1), and Social Services (1). A "MedlinePlus Health Information" sidebar on the right lists "Disaster Preparation and Recovery" and "Safety". A yellow callout box points to the "Disaster Preparation and Recovery" link with the text: "Current public page display with Local Health Topic". Below the main content is a section titled "Resources in Marion County" with a "Back to Top" link. It includes "Advocacy Services" with contact information for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and a description of its divisions. It also lists "Emergency Medical Services".

Emergency Only Record, Recovery Resource display

The screenshot shows a detailed view of disaster resources. The header is "Resources in Marion County". The main section is titled "Utilities Connection/Repair". It lists "Indianapolis Power and Light" with contact number (317) 261-8111 and a description: "Call to report power outages". It also lists "Lawrence Utilities" with contact number (317) 542-051 and a description: "Call to report power outages". Below this is a section titled "Disaster Shelter". It lists two temporary shelters: "Hoosier High School" at 123 Main Street, Indianapolis, IN 47133, and "Davis Senior Center" at 27 Elm Street, Indianapolis, IN 47130. Both have descriptions: "Temporary shelter in gymnasium for 500. No pets." and "Temporary shelter run by Red Cross, food/water distribution site between 8am - 6pm. Volunteers welcome." A yellow callout box points to the "Disaster Shelter" section with the text: "Sample of Recovery Resources page".